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Amendment

This amendment is in response to the office action mailed **February 25, 2003**.

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In The Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

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1. (Amended) A method for removing gross soils from equipment which is an assembled state using a multi-step cleaning process, the process comprising the steps of:

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- a) flushing the equipment with a pre-rinse solution prior to application of a cleaning composition, said pre-rinse solution comprising water and a partially neutralized anionic polymer; and
- b) washing the equipment with a cleaning composition;

whereby gross soils are removed.

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4. (Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said pre-rinse further comprises a co-builder which is ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid, diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid, hydroxyethylatedylenediaminetetraacetic acid, aminotri(methylenephosphonic acid),